

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “United States Secret Service: Examining Protective and Investigative Missions and Challenges in 2012.” Testimony was heard from Mark Sullivan, Director, Secret Service.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a markup of the Subcommittee print to authorize the programs of the Transportation Security Administration relating to the provision of transportation security, and for other purposes, entitled the “Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act of 2011.” The print was ordered reported, as amended.

INVESTOR VISA PROGRAM: KEY TO CREATING AMERICAN JOBS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing entitled “The Investor Visa Program: Key to Creating American Jobs.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CREATING AMERICAN JOBS BY HARNESSING OUR RESOURCES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Creating American Jobs by Harnessing Our Resources: Domestic Mining Opportunities and Hurdles.” Testimony was heard from Tom Murphy, Mayor, Gillette, Wyoming; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 200, the “Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2842, the “Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from David Murillo, Deputy Commissioner and Director of Operations, Bureau of Reclamation; Ed Scott, Mayor Pro Tem, Rialto, California; Christopher Treese, External Affairs Manager, Colorado River District, Glenwood Springs, Colorado; Grant Ward, Water and Power Consultant, Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation and Drainage District and Electrical District No.3, Maricopa, Arizona; and public witnesses.

HOW A BROKEN PROCESS LEADS TO FLAWED REGULATIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “How a Broken Process Leads to Flawed Regulations.” Testimony

was heard from Cass Sunstein, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; and public witnesses.

SUSTAINABILITY OF SMALL BUSINESS GRADUATES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Beyond the Size Standards: Sustainability of Small Business Graduates.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Connolly and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup of legislation regarding the “Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act.” The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Defense, Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, Financial Services and General Government, and the Legislative Branch, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Budget: To hold hearings to examine policy prescriptions for the economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory Howard Woods, of New York, to be General Counsel, David T. Danielson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and LaDoris Guess Harris, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, all of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: To hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on promoting retirement security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: To hold hearings to examine the future of employment for people with the most significant disabilities, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine improving financial accountability at the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: To hold an oversight hearing to examine tribal transportation, focusing on paving the way for jobs, infrastructure, and safety in native communities, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: Business meeting to consider S. 1151, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 1408, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information, S. 1535, to protect consumers by mitigating the vulnerability of personally identifiable information to theft through a security breach, providing notice and remedies to consumers in the wake of such a breach, holding companies accountable for preventable breaches, facilitating the sharing of post-breach technical information between companies, and enhancing criminal and civil penalties and other protections against the unauthorized collection or use of personally identifiable information, H.R. 2480, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014, and the nominations of Edgardo Ramos, of Connecticut, Andrew L. Carter, Jr., and Jesse M. Furman, all to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and James Rodney Gilstrap, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: To hold hearings to examine disaster recovery, focusing on evaluating the role of America's small business in rebuilding their communities, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Panel on Defense Financial Management and Audibility Reform, hearing on organizational challenges in achieving sound financial management and audit readiness, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on sustaining GPS for national security, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Internet Privacy: The Impact and Burden of EU Regulation." 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Cutting the Red Tape: Saving Jobs from PPACA's Harmful Regulations." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Fixing the Watchdog: Legislative Proposals to

Improve and Enhance the Securities and Exchange Commission." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "The Impact of the World Bank and Multi-Lateral Development Banks on National Security." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2885, the "Legal Workforce Act"; and H.R. 2847, the "American Specialty Agriculture Act." 11:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on legislation regarding to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes; H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia; H.R. 2336, the "York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2011"; H.R. 2351, the "North Cascades National Park Service Complex Fish Stocking Act"; H.R. 2352, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside; H.R. 2606, the "New York City Natural Gas Supply Enhancement Act"; and H.R. 2687, the "Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act." 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and Bailouts of the Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled "Crowdfunding: Connecting Investors and Job Creators." 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled "Defense Department Contracting in Afghanistan: Are We Doing Enough to Combat Corruption?" 10:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Out of Thin Air: EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule." 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled "Helping Small Businesses Compete: Challenges within Programs Designed to Assist Small Contractors." 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.